## New Staff Introduction: James Fuller

United Way of Laramie County



By: James Fuller

My name is James Fuller and I am your new Major Gifts Officer here at United Way of Laramie County. I recently retired from the United States Air Force with nearly 24 years of service. I am married to my wife of 20 years Marilyn, who is from St. Louis, MO, and is employed here in town as paralegal with Buchhammer and Kehl. We have two wonderful children, Zackary (18) and Alyssa (17) who attend Central High School. We have lived here in Cheyenne for the last three years and fell in love with the town and its residents, making it an easy decision to call Cheyenne home.

I have been in this position just over a month now, and have met many great people here in Cheyenne and Laramie County. The main purpose of my position is to build relationships with corporate business, as well as leaders within the community who have the means to give substantial donations to address the needs of our community. By building these relationships United Way can continue to guarantee our program partners' needs are met on annual basis.

I believe Winston Churchill said it best "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give". Here in Cheyenne and the surrounding community we have a very unique situation. In the state of Wyoming, Cheyenne would be considered a metropolitan by the standard of its size in comparison to other towns. However, we still have that "hometown" feel that most large cities cannot keep once they begin to grow. I feel that we can take advantage of this situation. We have the resources here which many towns and counties within Wyoming do not have. On the flip side of that coin we are still small enough, that as a community we can come together and establish strategies to solve the problems that affect so many.

Laramie County continues to grow each and every day. With that growth comes needs from the community in regards to education, income, and health which United Way of Laramie County understands are the key areas within the community that need our attention. It is my goal to be a part of this dynamic team as we strive to eliminate problems and make a difference in our city and community. I appreciate the support from our program partners, local business and individuals here in Cheyenne who have made me feel welcome as I start my new tenure with United Way. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or in regards to my position or how you feel I can do use my position to make Laramie County a better place for everyone.